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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Steve Cipot - Project Manager  
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**DATE:** Friday, March 23, 2000

**SUBJECT:** Review of the *MW-19/Hot Spot 1 Area Remedial Investigation Report*, L.E. Carpenter, Wharton, New Jersey.

In response to your request, I have reviewed the document listed above. If you have any questions concerning these comments, please feel free to call me at x4436.

The report concludes that the extent of groundwater contamination has been fully delineated. However, there delineation is weak in two respects. Well MW-19-6 has been shown to contain levels of toluene and DEHP which are above the NJ groundwater criteria. No wells are present downgradient of this point and therefore the extent of contaminant migration is incompletely defined. In addition, and as has been discussed, the vertical extent of contamination has not been investigated. The possible downward migration of contaminants needs to be addressed by a deeper well downgradient of the hottest area.

As a result of the above issues, it seems appropriate to drill a two well cluster on the north side of Ross Street. The attached figure shows the optimal location. The shallow well would be screened across the water table, as other wells in the area (likely with a total depth of 20 ft bgs). The deeper well could then be emplaced with the top of its screen 5 ft below the bottom of shallow well (with a screened interval from 35-25 ft bgs). Although this leaves a 5 foot gap in the vertical profile, it allows for a slightly deeper interval to be monitored.



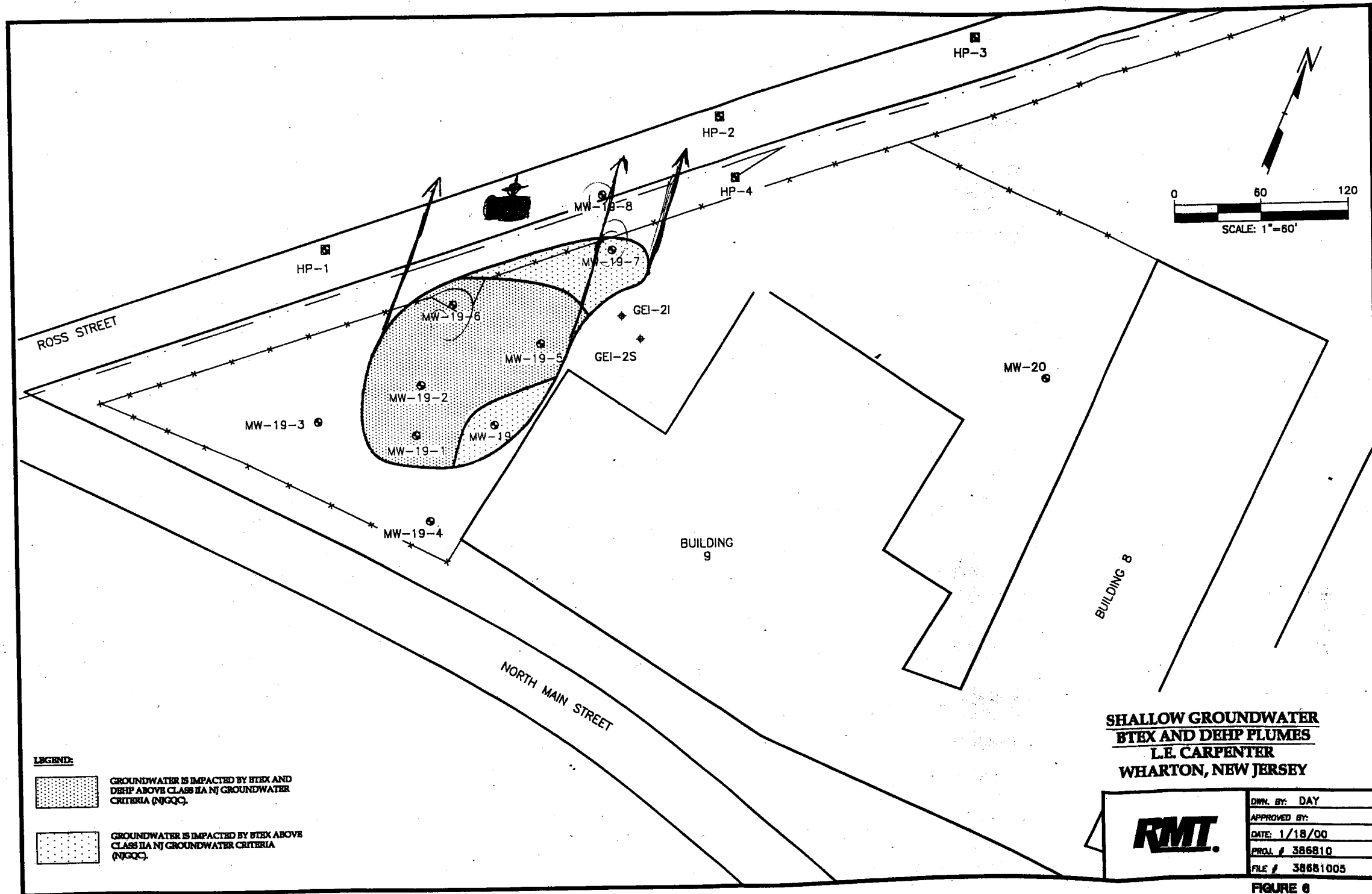


FIGURE 6